GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration & Stamps Department – Allegation of short remittance against Sri A.Bangar Raju, former Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Visakhapatnam (now Retired from service on 31-7-2016) – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Regular enquiry conducted – enquiry report communicated – SCN issued – Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Imposed a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1209 **Dated:21-11-2017**

Read the following:

1.DR, R&S, Visakhapatnam Procs.No.E1/355/2014-1, dt:22-4-2014.
2.DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam Procs.No.E1/170/2014-1, dt:19-6-2014.
3.IA i.e., DR, R&S (MV&A), Visakhapatnam Lr.No.IA/87/2014, dt:26-3-2015.
4.D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.X1/4882/2014, dt:19-3-2016 along with DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam Lr.No.E1/170/2014-1 to 5, dt:24-8-2015.
5.Govt., Memo. No.204203/Vig.II(1)/2016-1, dt:31-5-2016.
6.D&IG, R&S, AP., Vijayawada Lr.No.X1/4882/2014, dt:29-12-2016 along with DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam Lr.No.E1/170/2014-1 to 5, dt:29-11-2016.
7.Govt., Memo.No.204203/Vig.II(1)/2016-5, dt:25-4-2017.
8.Govt., Memo.No.204203/Vig.II(1)/2016-6, dt:25-4-2017.
9.DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam Lr.No.E1/170/2014, dt:18-8-2017 along with explanation of the CO Sri A.Bangar Raju, former Shroff (Retd) dt:27-5-2017 received on 31-8-2017.
10.Govt., Lr.No.204203/Vig.II(1)/2016-8, dt:17-10-2017.
11.APPSC Lr.No.816/DC&C/1/2017, dt:8-11-2017.

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O R D E R :

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that during the course of annual inspection of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Visakhapatnam, the then Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam has inspected the office in the month of March, 2014 and noticed the improper remittance of day to day cash collections into the designated bank and initiated disciplinary action against Sri A.Bangar Raju, former Shroff (now Retired) duly framing the following charge among certain others.

Charge-I:

Sri. A.Bangarraju, Formerly Shroff. R.O (OB), Visakhapatnam , and present at S.R.O. Pendurthi, while working as shroff, R.O.(OB), Visakhapatnam has accepted the cash of more than Rs.5,000/- in connection with sale of Stamps in violation of the instructions in Circular Memo.No.GSI2/24694/02-A, dated:19.02.2009 of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Charge-II:

Sri. A.Bangarraju, Formerly Shroff. R.O (OB), Visakhapatnam , and present at S.R.O. Pendurthi, while working as Shroff, R.O.(OB), Visakhapatnam has caused short remittance of Government Cash of Rs.1.77 Lakhs pertaining to sale Proceeds of Stamps into designated Bank. As per S.O.790 (i), the Sub-Registrar, Assistant & Shroff are jointly responsible for cash remittance.

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2. The Charged Officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defense. Having not convinced with the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the Charged Officer, the Disciplinary Authority i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam has appointed District Registrar, Registration & Stamps (Market Value & Audit), Visakhapatnam as Inquiring Authority in the reference 2nd read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Inquiring Authority submitted the report stating that it is an example case for the laxity and improper supervision on the part of the officers and lack of collective responsibility in discharging duties by the staff in maintenance of accounts and registers properly, due to work load and shortage of staff. Hence, it is concluded that action may be initiated for imposing minor penalties instead of major penalties since the shortage amount was recovered and remitted into Government account within a short period of 92 days and the employees are not directly found guilty for the short remittance and no fraudulent nature or intentional defraud established against them as the cash collections were correctly accounted for in all the concerned cash registers and reflected in Account-"H".

4. The Inquiring Authority based on the documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before him, he hold the charges held not proved against Sri A.Bangar Raju, Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Visakhapatnam (now Retired).

5. Government, have examined the matter observed that the proposed punishments against certain charged officers could not be implemented due to their retirement factor, revised proposals have been obtained from the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam in the matter.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against him. Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against him within 15 days from the date of receipt of the memo under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in the reference 8th read above.

7. And whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the Delinquent Officer Sri A.Bangar Raju, former shroff (Retired on 31-07-2016) has submitted his representation wherein he submitted that he rendered unblemished service throughout his service sincerely with abundant care to the utmost satisfaction of his superior officers and stated that due to his ill fate, the unfortunate and unforeseen event was occurred laying blame on him. He has therefore, requested to consider his representation and reduce the proposed penalty in view of his health conditions. It is observed that the individual did not submit any new grounds than those what he has submitted earlier for consideration.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri A.Bangar Raju, former Shroff (now Retired) and sought for the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission vide reference 10th read above. In the reference 11th read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have concurred with the proposal of the Government. (copy enclosed).

9. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against the Delinquent Officer Sri A.Bangar Raju, former Shroff, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Visakhapatnam (now Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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10. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
The Individual (**through** the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam with a request to serve the order on the Charged Officer and furnish the served copy along with dated acknowledgement to Government for record).
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER